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Fires Keeping Some City Areas Off-Limits

Witch Fire Leaves Certain Neighborhoods Unsafe for Residents and Forces Mandatory Evacuation Order to Remain In Place

The City of San Diego Fire Department is reinforcing a **MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER** for certain areas affected by the Witch Fire. The San Diego Fire Department has determined that **these areas remain unsafe** for residents and visitors. The areas still under Mandatory Evacuation include:

1. **San Pasqual Valley** – South of the City of Escondido, West of Guejito Truck Trail, East of Interstate 15 and North of Highland Valley Road.
2. **North Rancho Bernardo** – South of Highland Valley Road, West of the City of Poway, East of Interstate 15 and North of Rancho Bernardo Road.
3. **East Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Penasquitos, 4S Ranch and Santa Luz** – South of Lake Hodges, West of Interstate 15, East of Camino Del Sur and North of Highway 56.
4. **Del Mar Heights and Carmel Valley** – South of Del Dios Highway, West of Camino Del Sur, East of **Interstate 5** (***NOTE CHANGE FROM EARLIER VERSION***) and North of Highway 56.

The decision to allow residents to return to their homes in these areas will be based on an evaluation of and meeting specific fire safety criteria including:

- the area's distance from the fire
- whether the area is out of the anticipated fire progression path
- if limited or no structure threat occurred during the active fire
- if the area is safe for civilian re-entry including consideration of traffic hazards and whether utilities are restored
- if re-entry of civilians will not adversely impact suppression operations, and
- if appropriate resources exist to ensure safe repopulation
- Ensuring that San Diego Public Safety personnel have evaluated the area and that the areas meet the criteria listed above.